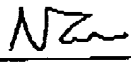


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In re Application of: Christoph KIRSCH, et al. Confirmation No.: 3234
Application No.: 09/831,272 Examiner: MARVICH, Maria
Date Filed: August 13, 2001 Group: 1633
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EXPRESSION IN PLANTS UPON PATHOGEN INFECTION AND USES THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 27, 2005. This response is being filed with a petition for a three month retroactive of time and the required fee. Although, Applicants believe that no further extensions of time are required with submission of this paper, Applicants request that this submission also be considered as a petition for any further extensions of time if necessary. The Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge the amount due for any retroactive extensions of time and any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees paid on the filing or during prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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